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1. YOU SHOULD INFORM THE FOREIGN OFFICE AT AN APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF EGYPT AND ISRAEL ARE INITIALLING TODAY AN AGREEMENT WHICH WILL CONSTITUTE A FURTHER SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARD A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THIS AGREEMENT IS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GENEVA MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE AND WAS NEGOTIATED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED STATES. THE AGREEMENT WILL COME INTO EFFECT UPON SIGNATURE OF THE PROTOCOL, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN THREE WEEKS FOLLOWING SIGNATURE OF THE AGREEMENT IN GENEVA LATER THIS WEEK.

2. PRESIDENT FORD WILL SEND TO THE CONGRESS SHORTLY FOR ITS APPROVAL A PROPOSAL AGREED TO BY EGYPT AND ISRAEL SETTING FORTH THE PURELY TECHNICAL AND CUSTODIAL ROLE TO BE PLAYED BY U.S. CIVILIAN PERSONNEL, WHOSE NUMBER IS LIMITED TO 200 IN THE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM FOR BOTH SIDES TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE BUFFER ZONE BETWEEN THE LINES OF THE TWO SIDES IN THE AREA OF THE MITLA AND GIDDI PASSES IN THE SINAI PENINSULA.

3. THE USG IS GRATIFIED BY THIS AGREEMENT AND THE POSITIVE ATTITUDE OF THE PARTIES IN CONCLUDING IT. WE DO NOT SEE THE AGREEMENT AS BEING IN ANY WAY AN END IN ITSELF BUT AS A MEANS OF GENERATING GREATER MOMENTUM FOR ACHIEVING THAT COMPREHENSIVE, JUST PEACE SETTLEMENT SO DESIRED AND NEEDED BY THE NATIONS AND PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE EAST. THE USG WILL CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO HELP ACHIEVE THIS GOAL.
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